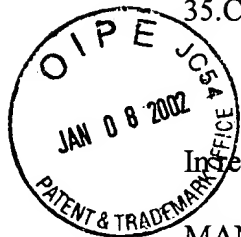


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In re Application of:

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Filed: March 9, 2000

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Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2001 for three months from July 24, 2001 to October 24, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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